

FIRE CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Burt Wright, Chairman

Steve Herzog, Vice-Chair

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2009 MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 3:00 p.m., Burt Wright called the meeting to order at Tucson Fire Central, Executive Conference Room, at 300 S. Fire Central Pl.. Roll call was conducted by Dan Uthe and recorded as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Wade Doyle
Burt Wright
Mark Favara
Steve Herzog
Lynn Kastella
Jon Walker

STAFF PRESENT

Dan Uthe, Deputy Chief
Dave Mann, Fire
Codes Administrator
Glenn D'Auria, Inspector
Rachel Duarte, Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Kazal
Leo Quezada

STAFF ABSENT

ARRIVED LATE:

Stanley Adams (3:20)

GUEST:

Bryce Wright

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Bryce Wright was introduced to the committee

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 11, 2009 MEETING

Motion to approve minutes of June 11, 2009 made by Mr. Herzog; second by Mr. Doyle with corrections to attendance. Committee member Jim Kazal was present arriving after roll call was made and Stan Adams was noted as both absent and present.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

Mr. Wright asked that TFD staff provide a report on current events.

Mr. Uthe reported on the status State Fire Marshal's Office. The Department of Fire, Building and Life Safety (DFBLS) has received a 45% reduction in funding over the last 2 years. The Tucson Office may be closed to the public in January due to layoffs. Currently, the office has 2 inspectors for the area that includes all of Southern and Western Arizona. There are only 6 inspectors left for the entire State. If further cuts take place, the Department of Fire Building and Life Safety may be eliminated. The Arizona Fire Services Institute is lobbying the Arizona Legislature to keep funding available for the Department.

Fire Prevention Division has moved into new building at Fire Central.

Mr. D'Auria, Mr. Mann and Mr. Uthe attended the ICC Code Hearings in Baltimore. Very few substantial changes to the International Fire Code were passed at this hearing.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VI. REVIEW OF 2009 TFC

The 2009 modifications were given to the committee members.

Mr. Wright explained to the new members of the committee the process that takes place when reviewing the TFC and asked the committee members if they want to proceed with the same reviewing process.

Mr. Uthe talked about TFD in-house process. One of the goals for this adoption cycle was to have reduce the number of modifications. There are few changes to the current modifications and many of the existing modifications were removed. Several of the current modifications are now included in the text of the 2009 IFC.

FOLLOWING ARE COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Chapter 1	Mr. Doyle moved (Mr. Herzog second) to adopt Chapter 1 as amended. Motion carried (6-0).
Chapter 2	Mr. Doyle made a motion (Mr. Favara second) to delete the proposed modification that applies to only 904.11.6.1 and 904.11.6.2. Motion carried (6-0). Mr. Doyle moved (Ms. Kastella second) to adopt Chapter 2 as amended. Motion carried (6-0).
Chapter 3	Mr. Doyle moved (Ms. Kastella second) to adopt Chapter 3 as amendment. Motion carried (6-0).
Chapter 4	Mr. Doyle moved (Mr. Herzog second) to adopt Chapter 4 as amended. Motion carried (6-0).
Chapter 5	Mr. Doyle moved (Ms. Kastella second) to adopt Chapter 5 as amended. Motion carried (6-0).
Chapter 6	Mr. Doyle moved (Mr. Adams second) to adopt Chapter 6. Motion carried (6-0).
Chapter 7	Mr. Doyle moved (Mr. Adams second) to adopt Chapter 7. Motion carried (6-0).
Chapter 8	Mr. Doyle moved (Mr. Favara second) to adopt Chapter 8. Motion carried (6-0).

VII UPDATE ON RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLERS

The Home Builders presented a proposal to remove the residential sprinkler requirement from the International Residential Code. After much debate the committee voted to disallow it and did not go to a floor vote.

City of Tucson will not adopt other 2009 International Codes at this time because of the budget. Development Services and Planning Department will go to Mayor and Council to make some corrections to the existing codes. Additionally, a proposed modification will be presented that will require residential sprinklers in all new townhouses, condominiums, and all single family residents over 3600 square feet in size. Earlier this year the Fire Code Review Committee voted to recommend that Mayor and Council approve this modification for the new residential sprinkler requirements. Staff has been reviewing the current adopted codes, and will submit modifications, to ensure that the 2009 IFC does not conflict with the current 2006 Building, Residential, Mechanical, and other construction codes.

VIII. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Kastella asked the committee to look at the Firefighter's Memorial that is located outside of Fire Central. She stated that the committee worked on the memorial for 10 years to get to this point. The grand opening will be on December 5, 2009.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Continue the review of 2009 International Fire Code and proposed modifications.

X. Next Regular Meeting Date

December 3, 2009 (Thursday) at Tucson Fire Central at 3:00 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Doyle and second by Ms. Kastella.
Meeting adjourned.